Cherokee National Forest
Update 3

Tellico Ranger District

Bald River Falls Bridge Replacement Project

⇒ **Preparation for replacement of the Bald River Falls Bridge continues. The estimated timeframe for the project to begin is now in the fall of 2021.**

- Work on the project is slated to begin in fall 2021. Once work begins it is anticipated that it will take 6-8 months to complete.

- Primary reasons for replacing the bridge include structural stability, pedestrian safety, and enhanced recreation experiences.

- The replacement bridge will provide two vehicle traffic lanes with safe separation of pedestrian traffic and an observation deck.

- While replacement work is in progress the bridge and the area adjacent to it will be closed to foot and vehicular traffic.

- The Tellico River Road –NFSR 210 will remain open to points below and above the bridge at Bald River Falls–there will be no through traffic. Alternate/detour routes will be designated and maintained for the increased traffic.

- A sign plan was developed that will be implemented to ensure adequate signage is provided and maintained during the project.
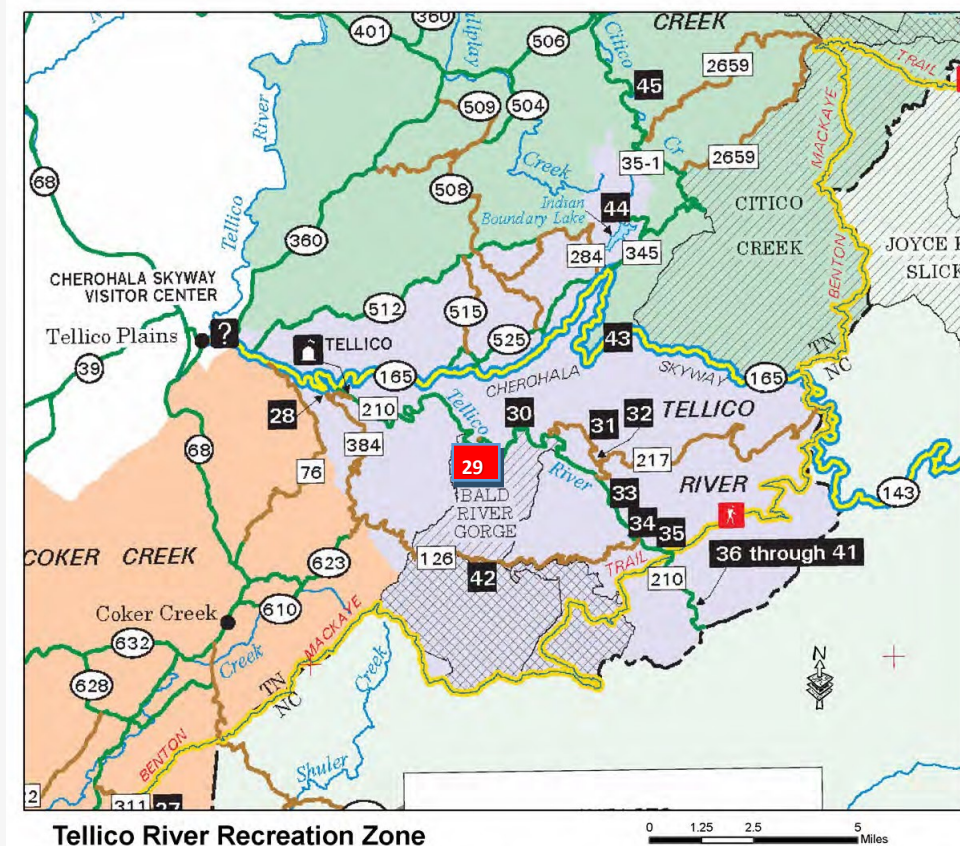
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Located in Monroe County, TN the Bald River Bridge is part of National Forest System Road (NFSR) 210 which passes through the Tellico River Corridor. The bridge spans Bald River at its confluence with the Tellico River.

Tellico River Recreation Zone

28. Ranger Station
29. **Bald River Bridge**
30. Tellico River Corridor
31. McNabb Creek
32. North River
33. Sourwood
34. Spivey Cove
35. Fish Hatchery
36. Birch Branch
37. Davis Branch
38. Holder Cove
39. Big Oak Cove
40. Rough Ridge
41. State Line
42. Holly Flats
43. Cherohala Skyway
44. Indian Boundary

When bridge replacement work begins in 2021 NFSR 210 will remain open to points below and above the bridge at Bald River Falls–**no through traffic.** The bridge and the area adjacent to it will be closed to foot and vehicular traffic.

Before bridge replacement work begins information regarding designated alternate/detour routes will be provided.